tube holding [means] mechanism[, for holding said tube during said filling procedure, are] all arranged in line sequence, these components being configured so that, upon removal of said tappet, a through hole exists in this [line] sequence.

Please eancel claim 25.

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## **REMARKS**

Entry of the above preliminary amendment is respectfully requested. Claims 1 through 24 remain pending in the present application.

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